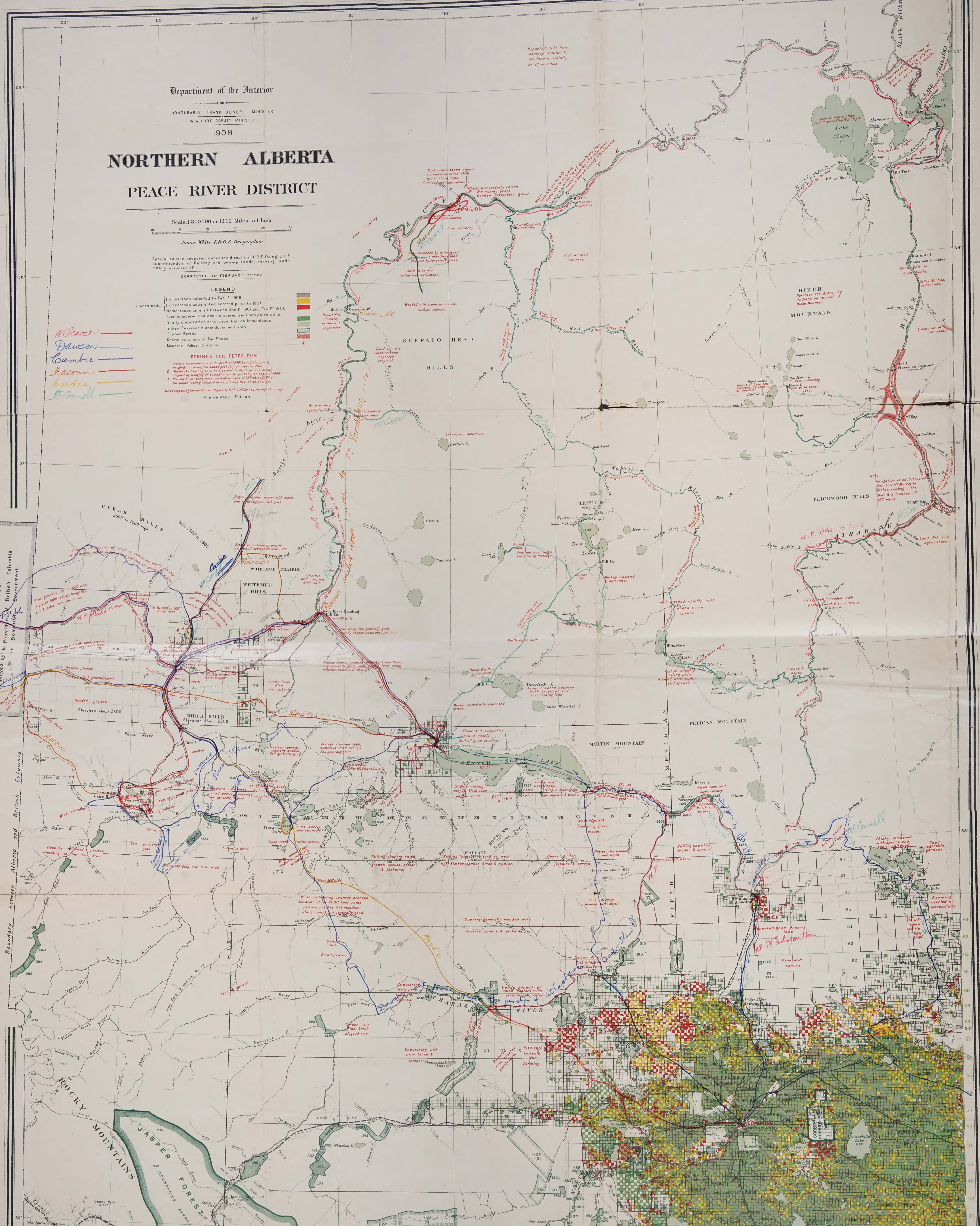

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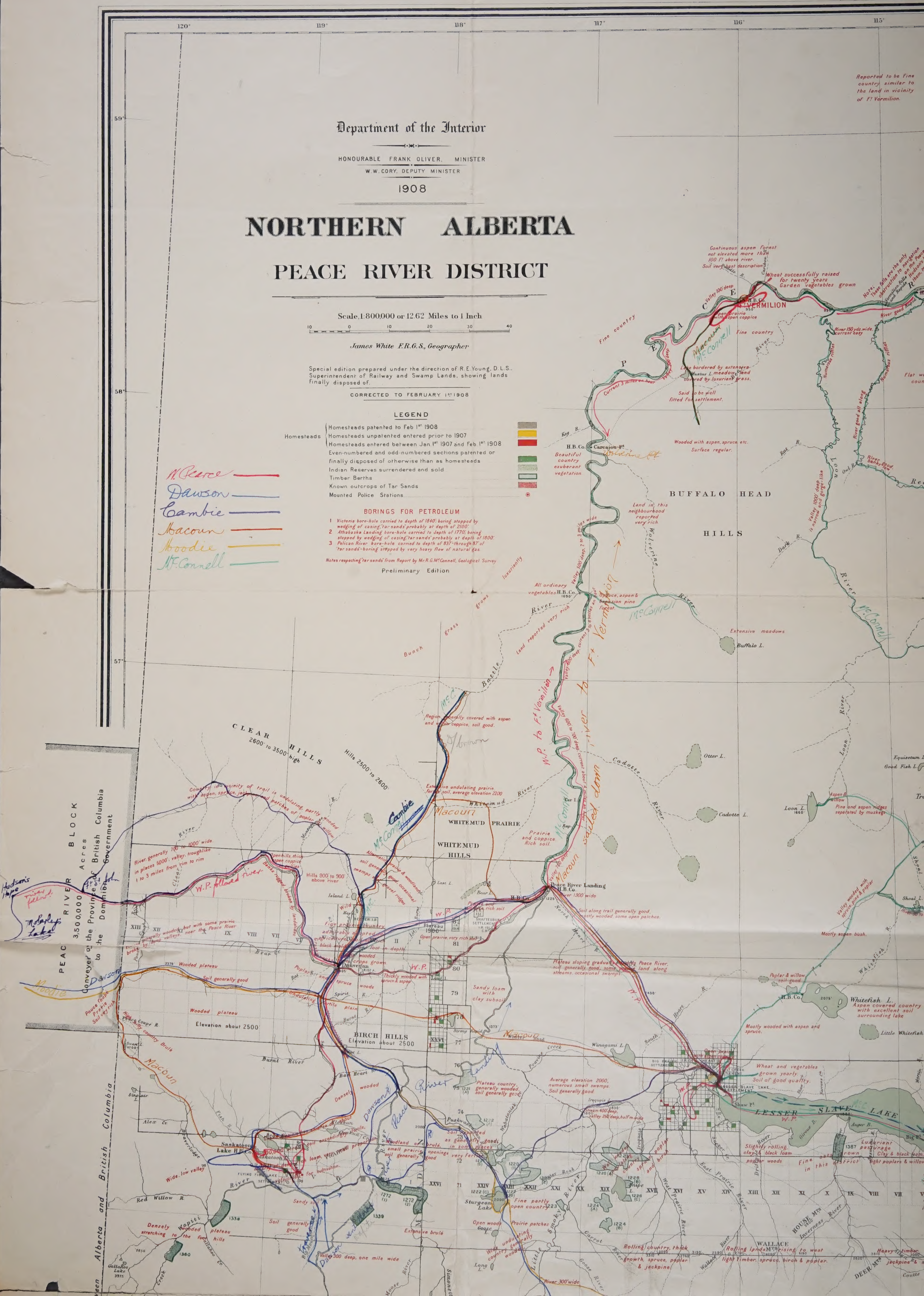

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120°
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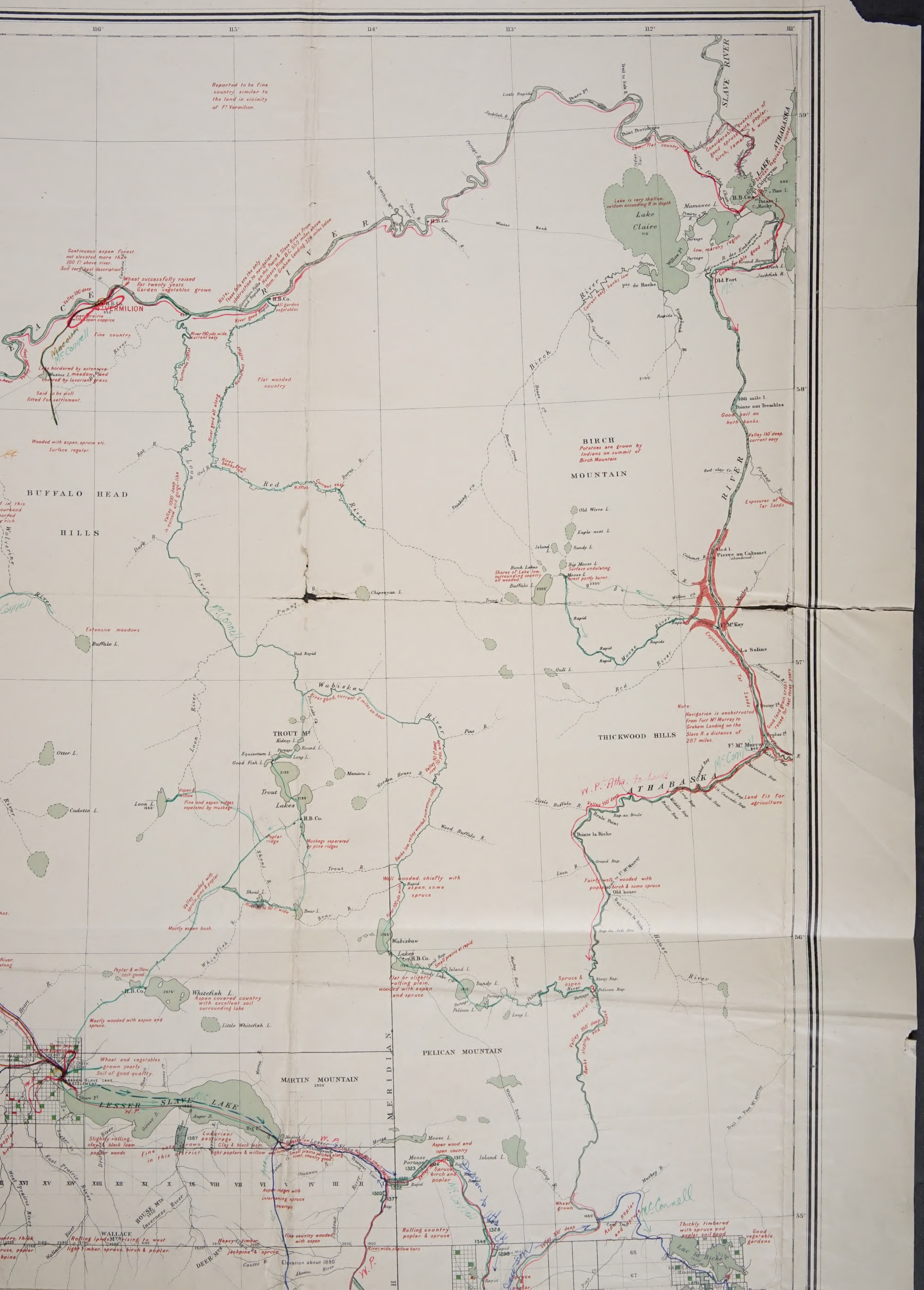
57°
Reported to be fine country similar to the land in vicinity of Ft Vermilion.
Continuous aspen forest not elevated more than 100 ft above river. Soil very best description
Wheat successfully raised for twenty years Garden vegetables grown
FT VERMILION
H.B.Co
Valley 100 deep
Open prairie with aspen coppice
Fine country
Fine country
PEACE
Current 3 miles an hour
Lake bordered by extensive meadows, land covered by luxuriant grass.
Said to be well fitted for settlement.
Wooded with aspen, spruce etc. Surface regular.
H.B.Co. Carcajou Pt
Wolverine Pt
Beautiful country exuberant vegetation.
Keg R.
BUFFALO HEAD HILLS
Land in this neighbourhood reported very rich
Wolverine
Loon River
Valley 1000' deep is narrow and gorge like
River 150 yds wide, current easy
Numerous riffles
River good all along
All ordinary vegetables H.B.Co. 1090'
Luxuriantly grows grass Bunch
Land reported very rich
Valley 500' deep, 2 to 3 miles wide
Spruce, aspen & banksian pine forest
McConnell
Extensive meadows
Buffalo L.
Battle River
Region generally covered with aspen and willow coppice, soil good.
Dawson
W.P. to Ft Vermilion
Macoun sailed down river to Ft Vermilion
CLEAR HILLS 2600' to 3500' high
Hills 2500' to 2600'
Country in vicinity of trail is undulating partly with aspen, spruce, jackpine and patches of poplar & willow
Extensive undulating prairie, fertile soil, average elevation 2200
Cambie McConnell
Macoun
WHITEMUD PRAIRIE
WHITEMUD HILLS
Prairie and coppice Rich soil.
Cadotte R.
Otter L.
Cadotte L.
Loon L. 1660'
Pine and aspen ridges separated by muskegs
Equisetum L.
Good Fish L.
Shoal L.
Valley wooded with spruce, pine & poplar
Mostly aspen bush.
River generally 700 to 1000' wide, in places 5000'; valley troughlike 1 to 3 miles from rim to rim
W.P. followed river
Hudson's Hope
Fort St John
McLeod's Lake
Moodie
Dawson
Hills 800 to 900 above river
Peace River Landing H.B.Co. 1225' River 1300 wide
Soil along trail generally good, partly wooded, some open patches.
Dunvegan
Plateau 1900'
Open prairie, very rich soil
SHAFTESBURY SETTLEMENT
Plateau sloping gradually towards Peace River, soil generally good, some prairie land along streams, occasional swamps.
PEACE RIVER BLOCK 3,500,000 Acres Conveyed by the Province of British Columbia to the Dominion Government
Pouce Coupe Prairie Soil very rich
Wooded plateau
Soil generally good
Wooded plateau Elevation about 2500
BIRCH HILLS Elevation about 2500
Sandy loam with clay subsoil
Poplar & willow soil good
Whitefish L. Aspen covered country with excellent soil surrounding lake
Little Whitefish L.
Mostly wooded with aspen and spruce.
Wheat and vegetables grown yearly. Soil of good quality.
Winagami L.
Average elevation 2000, numerous small swamps. Soil generally good
Plateau country, generally wooded, soil generally good
LESSER SLAVE LAKE
Shaw Pt
Slightly rolling, clay & black loam, poplar woods
Fine country in this district
Luxuriant pasturage. Clay & black soil, light poplars & willow
Burnt River
Spirit R.
Smoky River
Saskatoon Lake H.B.Co.
Flying Shot Lake Settlement
Wide, low valley
Red Willow R.
Densely stretching to the foothills
Kapiti
Soil generally good
Valley 300 deep, one mile wide
Extensive brulé
Sturgeon Lake
Fine partly open country
Prairie patches
Open woods
Rolling country, thick growth, spruce, poplar & jackpine
Rolling land rising to west, light timber, spruce, birch & poplar.
WALLACE
HOUSE MTS
DEER MTS
River 300 wide
Heavy timber jackpine
Sinclair
Alex Cr.
Beaverlodge R.
Simonette
Little Smoky
Grande Prairie
Province of Alberta and British Columbia
Macoun
Dawson
W.P.

116°
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SLAVE RIVER
LAKE ATHABASKA
Fort Chipewyan
H.B.Co.
Pine I.
Potato I.
Rocky I.
Point Providence
Low, flat country
Considerable quantities of good spruce with poplar, birch, tamarack & willow
Lake Claire
710
Lake is very shallow, seldom exceeding 8 ft in depth
Mamawee L.
Willow Pt.
Low, marshy prairie
Old Fort
Jackfish R.
Little Rapids
Peace Pt.
Jackfish R.
Reported to be fine country similar to the land in vicinity of Ft. Vermilion.
PEACE RIVER
Vermilion R.
Winter Road
Continuous aspen forest not elevated more than 100 ft above river. Soil very good description
Wheat successfully raised for twenty years. Garden vegetables grown
Ft. VERMILION
H.B.Co.
Valley 100 deep
Aspen prairie with aspen coppice
Fine country
Note: These falls are the only obstruction to navigation on the Peace & Slave Rivers from Hudson's Hope B.C. 550 miles above them, to Graham Landing 338 miles below
H.B.Co.
All garden vegetables
River good length
River 150 yds. wide current easy
Numerous riffles
Flat wooded country
Lake bordered by extensive meadows, land covered by luxuriant grass
Mustus L.
Said to be well fitted for settlement.
Macoun
McConnell
Wooded with aspen, spruce etc. Surface regular.
BUFFALO HEAD HILLS
River good all along
River good, banks low
Red River
Riffles
Current easy
Burnt R.
Rat R.
Owl R.
Loon River
Valley 1000' deep is narrow and gorge-like
Dark R.
Wolverine
McConnell
Extensive meadows
Buffalo L.
Chipewyan L.
Panny R.
Bad Rapid
BIRCH MOUNTAIN
Birch River
Current easy, banks low
Pte de Roche
Steepbank R.
2100
Potatoes are grown by Indians on summit of Birch Mountain
Old Wives L.
Eagle nest L.
Island L.
Sandy L.
Big Moose L. Surface undulating.
Moose L. Forest partly burnt.
Birch Lakes Shores of Lake low, surrounding country all wooded
Buffalo L.
3000'
2300'
Trout L.
Rapid
Moose River
Rapids
Red River
Gull L.
100 mile I.
Pointe aux Trembles
Good soil on both banks.
Valley 150' deep, current easy
Red clay Cr.
ATHABASKA RIVER
Exposures of Tar Sands
Red I.
Pierre au Calumet (abandoned)
Calumet R.
Tar R.
Willow Cr.
Ft. McKay
La Saline
Exposures of Tar Sands
Steep bank R.
Stony R.
Poplar Pt.
Good vegetable & grain crops raised for last three years
Note: Navigation is unobstructed from Fort McMurray to Graham Landing on the Slave R. a distance of 287 miles.
Ft. McMurray
840
Clearwater R.
THICKWOOD HILLS
McConnell
W.P. Atha. to Landg
Mountain Rap.
Cascade Rap.
Land fit for agriculture
Little Buffalo R.
Valley 350' deep
Brule Point
Rap. au Brule
Pointe la Biche
Wabiskaw River
River good, current 2 mile an hour
TROUT Mt.
Kidney L.
Equisetum L.
Round L.
Good Fish L.
Long L.
2150
Trout Lakes
2150
H.B.Co.
Manisou L.
Wooden House R.
Valley 50 ft deep river 70 yds wide
Banks low valley wooded numerous riffles
Pine R.
Otter L.
Loon R.
Loon L. 1660'
Aspen & willow
Pine and aspen ridges separated by muskegs
Cadotte L.
Poplar ridge
Muskegs separated by pine ridges
Shoal R.
Shoal L.
Valley wooded with spruce, pine & poplar
River 50 to 60 ft wide
Bear L.
Bear R.
Trout R.
Wood Buffalo R.
Well wooded, chiefly with aspen, some spruce
Rapid
River 100 yds wide
Grand Rap.
Ft. McMurray
Loon R.
Fairly well wooded with poplar, birch & some spruce
Old house
Trail to Lac la Biche
Rap. du Joli Fou
House River
Mostly aspen bush.
Whitefish R.
1765'
Wabiskaw Lakes
H.B.Co.
Small prairie at rapid
Island L.
Sandy L.
Flat or slightly rolling plain, wooded with aspen and spruce
Portage
Pelican L.
Pelican R.
Long L.
Spruce & aspen
Stony Rap.
Pelican Rap.
Natural prairie
Valley 350' deep
Banks sloping and poplar
River
Poplar & willow soil good
H.B.Co.
2075'
Whitefish L.
Aspen covered country with excellent soil surrounding lake
Mostly wooded with aspen and spruce.
Little Whitefish L.
PELICAN MOUNTAIN
MERIDIAN
Wheat and vegetables grown yearly. Soil of good quality.
Heart R.
LESSER SLAVE LAKE
W.P.
McC.
Shaw Pt.
Auger B.
MARTIN MOUNTAIN 2950'
Martin R.
Big Pt.
1387
Slightly rolling, clay & black loam
Luxuriant pasturage, clay & black loam, light poplars & willow
Fine crops grown in this district
poplar woods
Driftpile R.
Swan R.
East Prairie R.
West Prairie River
Muskeg R.
Moose L.
Aspen wood and open country
Moose Portage 1323
1325
Spruce birch and poplar
Island L.
Calling R.
Otter R.
Ottawan R.
Small prairie patches along river, country good
Aspen ridges with intervening spruce swamps
1320
1377
Rap.
XVI XV XIV XIII XII XI X IX VIII VII VI V IV III II
HOUSE Mts
Inverness River
WALLACE
Rolling lands rising to west light timber, spruce, birch & poplar.
Heavy timber, jackpine & spruce
DEER Mts
Coutts R.
Elevation about 1880
Fine country wooded with aspen
Rolling country poplar & spruce
River wide, shallow bars
W.P.
Wheat grown
1460
Valley 300' deep
Aspen poplar and spruce
McConnell
Thickly timbered with spruce and poplar soil good
Good vegetable gardens
Lac la Biche
Mission
Trail to Fort McMurray
Muskeg R.
68
67
1328
1344
Rapid
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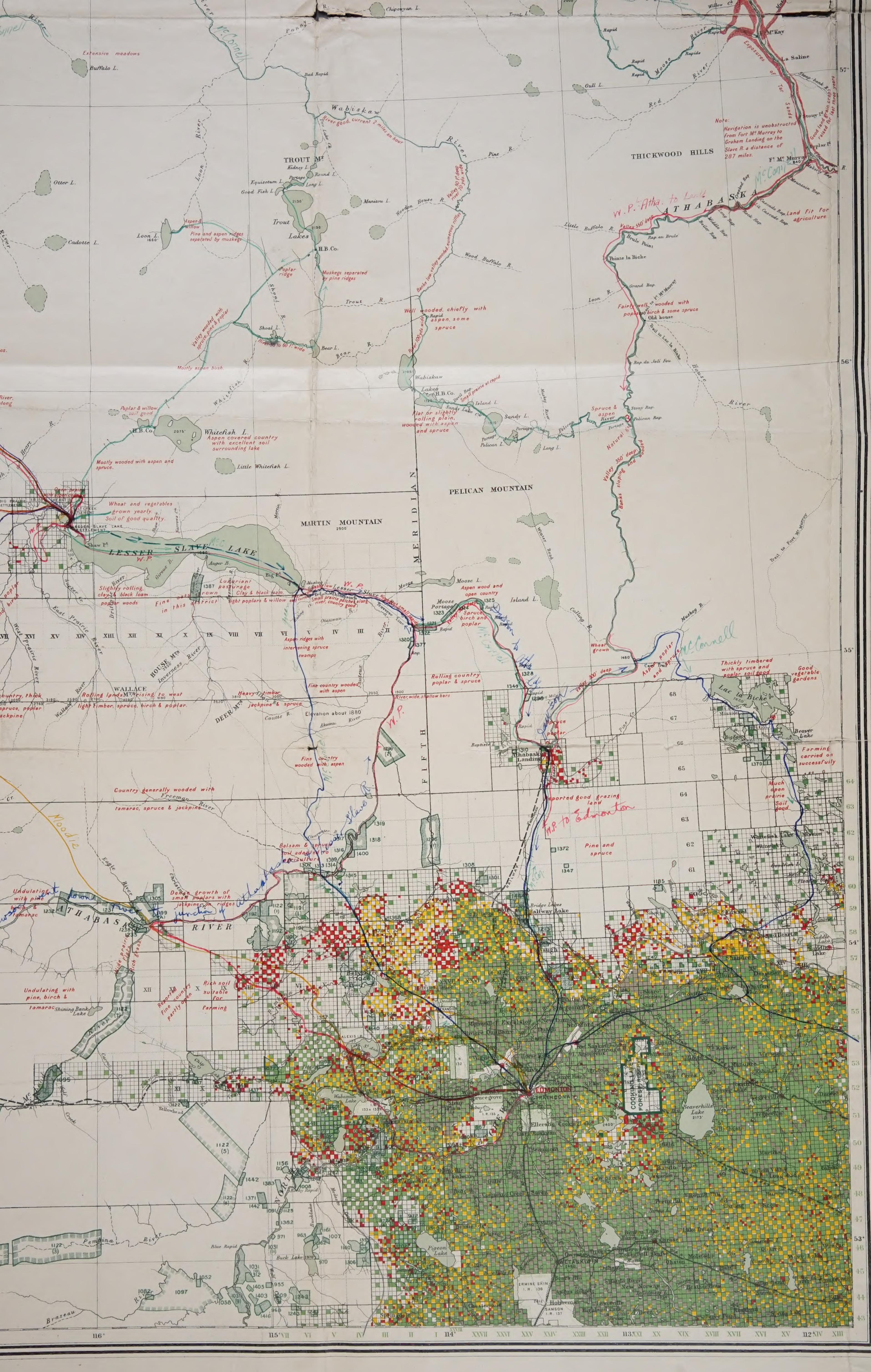
2030
River
Rapid


Chipewyan L.
Extensive meadows
Buffalo L.
Bad Rapid
Wabiskaw
River good, current 2 miles an hour
TROUT Mt
Otter L.
Loon L.
Cadotte L.
Trout Lakes
H.B.Co.
Muskegs separated by pine ridges
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Spruce & aspen
Natural gas
Valley 350' deep
Trail to Fort McMurray
Moose Portage
Island L.
Aspen wood and open country
Spruce, birch and poplar
Rolling country poplar & spruce
Aspen ridges with intervening spruce swamps
Fine country wooded with aspen
Country generally wooded with tamarac, spruce & jackpine
Freeman River
Athabaska Landing
Reported good grazing land
W.P. to Edmonton
Pine and spruce
Thickly timbered with spruce and poplar, soil good
Good vegetable gardens
Lac la Biche
Beaver Lake
Farming carried on successfully
Much open prairie Soil good
Whitefish Lake
FIFTH MERIDIAN
HOUSE Mts
WALLACE Mt
DEER Mts
Rolling land rising to west, light timber, spruce, birch & poplar
Heavy timber, jackpine & spruce
Elevation about 1880
Moodie
Balsam & spruce, soil adapted to agriculture
Undulating with pine, birch & tamarac
Dense growth of small poplars with jackpine on ridges
ATHABASKA RIVER
Rich soil suitable for farming
Shining Bank Lake
Yellowhead
Pembina River
Brazeau
EDMONTON
STRATHCONA
Beaverhills Lake
Cooking Lake Forest Reserve
Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake
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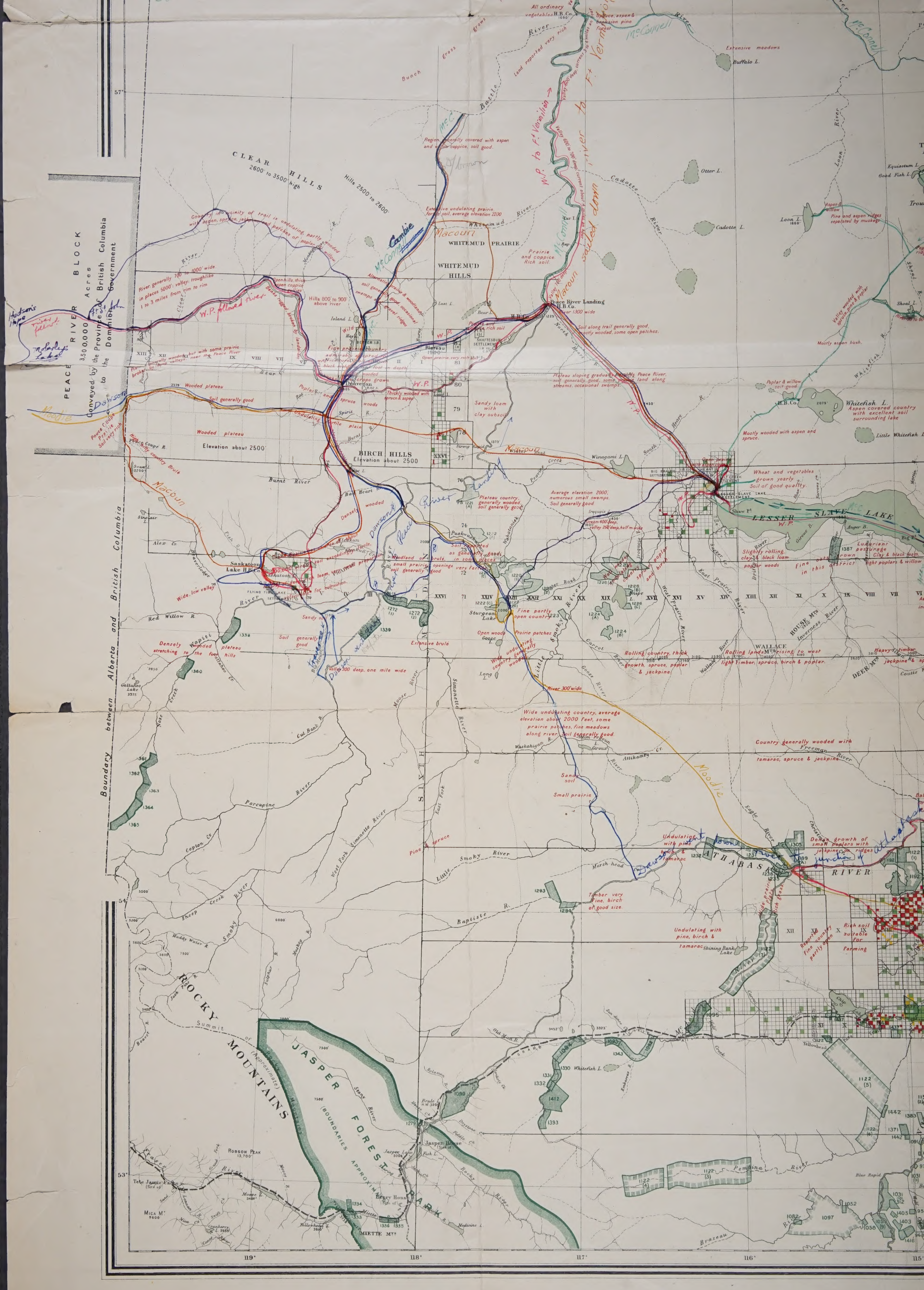
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3,500,000 Acres
Conveyed by the Province of British Columbia to the Dominion Government
Boundary between Alberta and British Columbia
CLEAR HILLS
2600' to 3500' high
Hills 2500' to 2600'
Country in vicinity of trail is undulating, partly wooded with aspen, spruce, jackpine and patches of poplar and willow
River generally 700' to 1000' wide, in places 5000'; valley troughlike 1 to 3 miles from rim to rim
Open hills, thick aspen coppice in gullies
Banks rugged, broken by landslides
Hills 800' to 900' above river
Alternating prairie & woodland, soil generally good, occasional swamps and gravel ridges
Fine prairie country admirably adapted to agriculture. Soil black mould, 1 foot in depth
Hudson's Hope
W.P. followed river
Moberley Lake
Ft. St. John
Dawson
Moodie
Macoun
McConnell
Cambie
W.P.
Wooded plateau
Soil generally good
Undulating fertile plain
Poplar and spruce woods
Pouce Coupe Prairie Soil very rich
Pouce Coupe R.
Wooded plateau
Elevation about 2500'
BIRCH HILLS
Elevation about 2500
High hilly country Brule
Burnt River
Densely wooded
Dunvegan
Thickly wooded with spruce & aspen
Saskatoon Lake H.B.Co.
FLYING SHOT LAKE SETTLEMENT
Wide, low valley
Red Willow R.
Densely wooded plateau stretching to the foot hills
Wapiti
Sandy soil
Soil generally good
Valley 300' deep, one mile wide
Extensive brulé
Woodland or brulé, small prairie openings, soil generally good
Dawson went Wapiti
Peace River Landing
Region generally covered with aspen and willow coppice, soil good.
Extensive undulating prairie, fertile soil, average elevation 2200
WHITEMUD PRAIRIE
WHITEMUD HILLS
Whitemud River
Battle River
Bunch grass grows
Land reported very rich
All ordinary vegetables H.B.Co.
Spruce, aspen & banksian pine forest.
W.P. to Ft. Vermilion
Macoun sailed down river to Ft. Vermilion
Valley 600' to 700' deep, current about 4 miles an hour
Prairie and coppice. Rich soil.
Peace River Landing H.B.Co.
River 1300 wide
Soil along trail generally good, mostly wooded, some open patches.
Plateau sloping gradually towards Peace River, soil generally good, some prairie land along streams, occasional swamps.
Sandy loam with clay subsoil
Plateau country, generally wooded, soil generally good
Average elevation 2000, numerous small swamps. Soil generally good
Stream 400' deep, valley 250' deep, half m. wide
Extensive meadows
Buffalo L.
Otter L.
Cadotte L.
Cadotte River
Loon L.
Aspen & willow
Pine and aspen ridges separated by muskegs
Valley wooded with spruce, pine & poplar
Mostly aspen bush.
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LESSER SLAVE LAKE
Shaw Pt.
Winagami L.
Slightly rolling, clay & black loam, poplar woods
Fine oats grown in this district
Luxuriant pasturage
Clay & black loam, light poplars & willow
Sturgeon Lake
Fine partly open country
Open woods
Prairie patches
Wide undulating country generally wooded
Rolling country, thick growth, spruce, poplar & jackpine
Rolling lands rising to west light timber, spruce, birch & poplar.
Heavy timber jackpine & sp
WALLACE MTS
HOUSE MTS
DEER MTS
River 300' wide
Wide undulating country, average elevation about 2000 feet, some prairie patches, fine meadows along river. Soil generally good.
Country generally wooded with tamarac, spruce & jackpine
Freeman River
Sandy soil
Small prairie
Dawson went down river to junction of Athabaska
ATHABASKA RIVER
Undulating with pine, birch & tamarac
Dense growth of small poplars with jackpine on ridges
Timber very fine, birch of good size.
Undulating with pine, birch & tamarac
Shining Bank Lake
Reported fine country partly open
Rich soil suitable for farming
Pine & spruce
Little Smoky River
Smoky River
Simonette River
Porcupine River
Cut Bank R.
Baptiste R.
Sheep Creek River
ROCKY MOUNTAINS
Summit of Rocky Mountains (Approximate)
JASPER FOREST PARK
(BOUNDARIES APPROXIMATE)
Jasper House
Brule L.
Henry House
MIETTE MTS
ROBSON PEAK 13,700'
Tete Jaune Cache
MICA MT 9600
Whitefish L.
Yellowhead
Pembina River
Brazeau
SIXTH MERIDIAN
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Route in colors

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